

REMARKS

Upon entry of the amendments herein, claims 1-20 and 24-37 are pending in the application. Claims 3-12, 16, 17, 19, 20, 24-29 and 31 have been amended; claims 21-23 have been canceled; and new claims 32-37 have been added.

The Office has issued a Notification to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures. As part of their response to the Notification, Applicants have provided herewith a paper version of a Sequence Listing for insertion into the application and, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(d), have amended the specification to identify the various sequences found therein by their identification numbers as found in the Sequence Listing.

The specification has also been amended in various other places to correct inadvertent errors.

The application as filed, a published PCT application designating the U.S., contains an abstract on the cover page. However, in anticipation of the possibility that the Examiner would object to this presentation of the abstract, Applicants have further amended the application by providing herewith on a separate page an abstract for insertion following the claims.

The claims have been amended to put them in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c), to address other informalities, to more particularly recite the subject matter regard as the invention and to correct inadvertent errors. Newly added claims 32-37 serve to reinstate certain combinations of limitations that were removed when the original claims were amended to put them in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c).

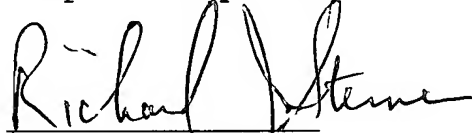
Applicants hereby state that no new matter has been introduced by any of the amendments herein to the specification

and claims. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

No fees should be due in connection with this communication. However, should it be determined that a fee is required for any reason, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge it to Deposit Account No. 23-1703.

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Respectfully submitted,

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